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Ohio Man Designs 1960 Duck Stamp

A black and white wash drawing of redhead ducks—a drake, hen and four ducklings swimming in the reeds-has been chosen as the design for the 1960-61 Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp, the Department of the Interior has announced. John A. Ruthven, 6508 Stewart Rd., Cincin-nati 36, Ohio, is the artist who created the winning design.

The judging committee was composed of six regional directors of the Bureau and Joseph W. Penfold, Conservation Director, Izaak Walton League of America: Charles H. Callison, Conservation Director, National Wildlife Federation; C. R. Gutermuth, Vice President, Wildlife Management Institute, and Michael Hudoba, Washington editor of Sports

The theme being portrayed for the 1960-61 issue is "Wildlife Needs Water: Preserve Potholes". This will be the 27th stamp to be issued in the Federal duck stamp series. The first stamp went on sale in 1934. The 1960-61 stamp will be the second of the \$3 series as authorized by of the \$3 series, as authorized by Public Law 85-585.

More than two million duck stamps more than two million duck stamps are normally sold annually. In the past, duck stamp revenues have been used to supplement other funds appropriated to the Fish and Wildife Service for the purchase, development, administration and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country.

Effectively July 1, 1960, all receipts from the sale of these fiscals, other than funds needed to reimburse the Post Office Department for their actual costs, are to be used for the acquisition of suitable areas for migratory bird refuges under the provisions of the Migra-tory Bird Conservation Act.

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Yemen's Fourth Controversial Set – '59 Airs – Had First Day Of Issue At Taiz November 7

Bruce Conde

Hajj Mohammed Rassam, the General Postmaster at Taiz, capital of the Yemen, pounced on the new envelope of replacement stock from Yemenite Minster of Communications al-Hajiri's office avidly. The Minister had ordered all available overprinted stock released bit by bit to fill post office requisitions, but thus far only the Automatic Telephone of Sana's set seemed to be in sufficient quantities to fill general post office orders.

This time, on top of the usual pile of 6 bogash Automatic Telephone sheets (for foreign letter mail and inland registry, as well as Arab Pos-tal Union airmail) was a packet of

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mail overprints had been released tal Union airmail) was a packet of sheets of the pale blue 1930 6bog. (Scott's No. 16) overprinted "Air (six in number) have long been available for purchase by favor from the Ministry itself, and have been available for purchase by favor grown and the Ministry itself, and have been available for purchase by favor from the Ministry itself, and have been available for purchase by favor grownent of the Ministry itself. available for regular prepayment of postage. This means that pre-first day covers are by no means uncommon.

The writer prevailed on Hajj Mo-hammed to bring up to date the (Continued on page 7)

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4c Commemorative April 7 At Washington; Boy Scout Stamp Adds Red; New FDC Regulation

"The Post Office Department takes great pleasure in announcing the forthcoming issuance of a special United States 4c postage cump

commemorating World Refugee Year, to be issued in Washingto D. C. April 7," Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has annunced.

"This is, we believe, a particularly appropriate time to make this announcement, as we are now in the sixth month—the half-wap point—of the World Refugee Year," he added.

He explained further that the issuance of this stamp will serve not only as still another confirmation of this country's long tradition of regard for, and aid to, the world's homeless and destitute, but will also point up in a most graphic manner the impertance which the Unit ner the importance which the Unit-ed States, its President, and its peo-

ed States, its President, and its peo-ple attach to World Refugee Year. "President Eisenhower empha-sized in his proclamation announc-ing United States participation that one of the major goals of the World Refugee Year is 'to focus interest on the Refugee problem," he contin-ued. "This stamp, with an initial print order of 120,000,000, will cer-tainly be a significant contribution. tainly be a significant contribution toward achievement of that goal.

"We are happy, therefore, to join with other participating nations who are issuing special stamps, and hope that our action will contribute to a successful World Refugee Year and to the eventual solution of this most tragic problem of the refugee," he emphasized in conclusion.

Details as to design and color will

be announced later, along with in-structions for the forwarding of first day cover requests.

Red added to Scouts Stamp — The 4c Boy Scout Golden Jubilee commemorative to be issued Febru-ary 8 at Washington will be printed in three colors instead of two as originally announced. The wording "Boy Scouts of America" across the top will be in red, and "1910-1960" to the left. "U. S. Postage" to the right, and "4c" in the right field will be in blue. The figure of the Scout will be

in khaki as originally announced.

There will be a space break between "Boy" and "Scouts" to permit proper placement of the Scout's upraised right hand. Norman Rockwell was the designer, with the mod-el prepared by Victor S. McCloskey,

Jr. The vignette was engraved by Charles A. Brooks, and the letter-(Continued on page 7)

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1-Airmails, 10, 750 and 3000p.

2—Twelve Tribes series Part I, 10, 30, 60, and 100p.; Part II, 20, 40, 80, and 180p.; Part III, 50, 120, 200, and

3-Bialik commemorative 250p.

4-Civil Aviation commem 500p. 5-Festival Series 5720 - 1959, 60,

200 and 350p. 6—Jubilee stamps, Merhavia, Yesud-HaMaala, Degania, 60, 120 and 180p.

Eliezer Ben-Yehuda 250p. On January 19 the following Postal Stationery will be withdrawn from

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Politics makes strange bedfellows Certainly, one never expected that the Royal Greek Government would ever honor a communist-much less as a "return" for foreign honors to a Greek leftist. Thereby hangs an

One of Greece's heroes of the wartime resistance chose to become a communist after the war was over. This man, a journalist, was recently tried in absentia by a Greek court. A verdict was handed down (much criticized in many quarters) con-

demning him as a traitor.

Shortly thereafter, the Soviet government issued a set of stamps honoring this same Greek patriot-trai-tor, to the vociferous and understandable displeasure of the Greek government. Now the Greeks have Capitals) watermarked paper, found a way to pay the "favor" Each design includes a portr back in kind.

During the first weeks of December, the United Nations debated the issue of Soviet intervention during the Hungarian uprising of 1956. In fact, it passed a resolution - of doubtful comfort to those who had fought against the Russians and lost -condemning the intervention.



One of the leaders of the uprising was Imre Nagy, a life-long com-munist whose disgust with Soviet control of Hungary proved stronger than his communism. Nagy even-tually surrendered himself to the Russians, was spirited away to Roumania, later sent back to Hungary, tried, condemned, executed.

Now the Greeks, returning the earlier Soviet "compliment", have issued a set of two stamps bearing the portrait of Imre Nagy (the Greeks spelled it "Naghi" on the stamps), the Hungarian Communist! The set appeared December 8, at the beginning of the United Nations debate. A million and a half sets were printed, ensuring rather wide postal use.

Denominations are 4 Drachmae. brown and yellow brown, and 6Dr., black and blue. Printing was done by the Aspiota-Elkis by photogravure, on crown-watermarked paper, perforated 13 x 13½, in panes of 50 subjects. The stamps carry the dates 1956-1959, the first of which refers to the year of the Hungarian

The Flower that Came Too Late Wiseacres are pointing out what they claim to be a "bloomer" on the recent 50 lepta flower stamp, which shows what is supposed to be a 'Rose of Aphrodite".

The "experts" claim that it is really a type of hibiscus which was introduced from China as recently as 1731, and which was therefore totally unknown in ancient Greeceall of which goes to make philately such good, clean fun!

Norway Pair For TB, Health January 12

The Norwegian Post Office Department has scheduled the January 12 issuance of two stamps with surcharges for the benefit of the Norwegian National Tuberculosis and Women's Health Assns.



Values will be 45 ore plus 10 ore depicting a white anemone in an edition of 2,000,000, and 90o. plus 10o. with a blue anemone, in a quantity of half a million. Printing in each

instance will be in multicolor.

The design is the work of Mrs.

Tande Lid, with offset printing on unwatermarked paper by Emil Mostue A/S, Oslo. There will be no official first day services in connec-tion with the release of the two ad-

AUSTRIA EDITION

Due to circumstances beyond our control, it has become necessary to postpone until January special Austrian Edition 4 the originally scheduled for this week. The many specialists in the stamps of that area may expect Linn's usual excellent coverage of the field.

Stamps-On-Stamp On Jamaica Item

A special issue of three values-2d, 6d and 1/- to commemorate the centenary of the setting up of a separate postal service in Jamaica has been printed in London by Waterlow & Sons Ltd. They were produced by the Giori (recess) process in horizontal format on C. A. (Block

Each design includes a portrait of Her Majesty and the St. Edward's Crown. The 2d blue and mauve and the 6d red and green are 26 x 42mm perforation to perforation, while the 1/- brown, red and blue is 25.5 x 35mm in size.

The 2d depicts a Britannia Air Liner flying over an 1860 packet boat. The 6d shows a mule cart as used for the internal conveyance of mails during the Victorian period alongside one of the motor mail vans now in use. For the 1/- value a replica of the 1860 stamp has been superimposed on the current 1/- value, all on a suitable background.



The trio will be placed on sale anuary 4 and will continue to be January 4 and will continue to be sold until December 31 or until stocks are exhausted, whichever date is earlier

The first reference which can be traced to the establishment of a Postal Service in Jamaica is that March 17, 1706 a bill was passed for the erection of an office to take care of the mails, the Crown Agents Representative in Washington explained in announcing the new set. For the next 150 years the Post Office in Jamaica functioned as a branch of the Imperial Post Office.

In 1858 Anthony Trollope was sent out by the Imperial Post Office to report on the Jamaica Branch of the He recommended that should be handed over to a local control, and the transfer actually took place August 1, 1860. British adhesives continued in use until November 23, 1860, when the first Jamaican stamps were put on sale.

Thus on August 1, 1960 it will be 100 years since the Jamaican Post Office was established as a separate entity. On November 23 it will be 100 years since Jamaican stamps were introduced. It is to commemorate these two events that the 2d, 6d, and 1/- Centenary set is being

California Collector **Uncovers Soviet Plot**

What has every appearance of being a carefully laid plot designed to embarrass the free world has been uncovered by a California engineer who favors philately as a hobby. He is D. D. Hatfield of Pasadena, and his story was published in that city's "Independent Star-News" of December 6.

Mr. Hatfield points out that the Russians announced they had made pictures of the far side of the moon following the launching of their third Lunik in October. However, Hungarian stamp of early 1959 depicting Lunik I shows also a likeness which Mr. Hattield found to be the back side supposedly

not photographed until October! He theorizes that the Russians kept the secret to time its release with Khrushchev's visit to the United States, meanwhile definitely establishing its actual January date. This would have enabled them to boast, "We got there first," had the Americans made a successful moon photographing shot in the meantime.

High magnification photographs of the moon on the stamp definitely coincide in many ways with subsequently published photographs of the supposedly October accomplishment, Mr. Hatfield emphasizes.

Mrs. Callahan To Show Russia' At Flatbush Club

Mrs. Lydia Callahan of Newark, N. J. will show and discuss her collection of Russian stamps and cov-ers at the January 4 meeting of the Flatbush Philatelic Club.

The event will be held in the Flatbush Unitarian Church hall, Beverly Rd. and E. 19th St., Brooklyn, N. Y. beginning at 8 p.m. Visitors are wel-

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Stamp Program To Fight Communism

United States commemorative United States commemorative postage stamps soon will join the battle against communism among the peoples of Afro-Asian nations, according to "Stamp Out Communism", a volunteer group of patriotic philatelists who have opened headquarters at 220 W. 42nd St., New York 36 York 36.

They will use methods similar to those which the Reds long have ef-fectively employed in such lands as India, Ceylon, Pakistan, Ghana and Nigeria as infiltration tactics, according to Ernest A. Kehr, temporary chairman of the new organization.

"Stamp Out Communism" was born as the result of a report made to the philatelic press a few months ago. It described how the Kremlin has been dominating the minds of millions of stamp collectors.

Though the peoples of these areas have developed an enthusiastic interest in stamp collecting during the past decade, their poverty originally made it impossible for them to acquire any stamps but those obtained from letters addressed to local business firms.

Aware of these limitations, the Soviets inaugurated a program to make friends of the people against whose governments they had political ambi-

The program is double-barreled: First, such distribution is accepted



MRS. DOLA BEN-YEHUDA WITTMAN, daughter of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda is shown accepting a sheet of the recent Israeli stamp noting the centenary of the birth of her father who was a pioneer of the renaissance of the Hebrew language. Aviad Yafeh, Consul of Israel in New York, is making the presentation in his office, with Jaques Minkus of Minkus Publications looking on.

Post Office Department has been AP Congress Meets issuing commemoratives with pictures and inscriptions intended to November In Chicago counteract communism by telling the world about the advantages of Freedom.

However, no provision has been issued in the Soviet Union or satellite nations, huge supplies were shipped to these areas for free distribution.

(The stamps were lightly canceled so they could never be used for postal service. As such, their cost is negligible as it involves only inexpensive printing charges).

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First, such distribution is accepted as a generous Soviet gesure by the collectors who receive the stamps. Secondly, the poster-like designs regularly stress the conference on everyday mail and send them to the organization. Here they will be made up into packets and sent to treatened lands for free distribution that the Congress plans also to hold

The American Philatelic Congress has accepted the invitation of the Chicago Philatelic Society to hold the 1960 Congress session in Chicago. It will be staged in conjunction with the CPS 74th anniversary exhibition Nevember 4-6, at the Leasure of the CPS 74th anniversary

"Stamp Out Communism" intends to rectify this unfortunate situation. It will ask Americans to save all commemorative stamps they receive seventh were held in that city.

Secondly, the poster-like designs regularly stress the contemporary communist line, so collectors cannot help but be influenced by them.

The United States is aware of the propaganda value of stamp designs. For a few years now, the literature of the propaganda collectors there.

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Ticking Off Our Blessings

Carl P. Rueth

Undoubtedly if retrospection is in order, the end of the year is about as good a time for it as any. People, like businesses, tie up a lot of loose ends, complete outstanding obligations, and tidy up their "houses" so that the next 365 days (366 next year) are met with a clean slate. This

is as it should be. Most folks are inclined to orderliness, and freedom from financial shackles. Most of us could stand some reappraisal of our "philatelic houses"

Few indeed are the seekers after stamps. covers and other items philatelic, who do not have an accumulation of material which they plan "to go over and put in order in the near future". Dealers have these "messes" too, usually gathered from collections not fully sold, job lots bought and only partly explored for profitable merchandise, and odds and ends of singles and sets which just do not have enough value to prompt handling. So like collectors, they pile the stuff away in stockbooks, boxes and between newspapers, hoping for the day when leisure time will develop so they can convert it into coin of the realm.

It is the kind of material which creates a problem for the administrator of an estate.' Some are "just plain dumb" when it comes to assessing worth to it; they further are handicapped in liquidation since it would not be at all possible to check through it in its entirety for better than ordinary items. It is lotted out to whoever will buy it at a low figure. In many cases the buyer will have most of this around for his heirs to worry with when he gets his check-out from worldly responsibilities.

This stuff, whether collector or dealer owned, can bring a lot of happiness and recreation to some nice people. As for instance the hospitalized military personnel in VA Hospitals—the home-bound physically handicapped - the youngsters whose imaginations are fired by a postage slamp.

It might take a big show of will power and courage on the part of some to decide to part with such accumulations, but once the act is accomplished one wonders why there was so much hesitation to go along with the idea in the first place. Surely, the happiness which contributions of this kind can bring should expedite the giving considerably. Organizations and individuals doing a topnotch, self-sacrificing service of this kind are: Stamps For The Wounded, 230 W. 41st St., New York 36, N.Y.: Philatelic Hobbies For The Wounded, Att: George Silberberg, 2122 Wallace Ave., New York 62, N.Y.: and Max Brainard, Brookings, Oregon. In each instance one can be assured that anything he might send will not be culfed with the remainder then turned over to the "worthy caurse". These people and units have built spotless reputations in this work.

I think this is a grand way to begin a New Year, and at the same time clean out "junk" you'll never get to in your lifetime. Caution now as to the word "junk". Don't send hundreds of common stamps of any country which are fit for nothing except the fireplace on a cold night. As an example, the common values of our country of which billions are used each year. If you are going to give, give good! Include a prayer to your Maker that you are grateful for the blessings which put you in the category of giver, rather than receiver.

With the exception of the Shanahan affair, the hobby has operated on a higher plane in 1959 than ever before. This opinion is formed after paging through my memory of the last twelve months. The earth will never be rid of the unscrupulous criminal, regardless. He will be found in all countries and in all life. However his machinations in stamp collecting seem to grow less. I feel this has come about because collectors are getting better information from the philatelic press, plus the fact that the criminally-minded element is controlled to a great extent by a refusal of that press to carry his notices and advertising. He still gets by in some of the non-philatelic publications where he causes damage, but only infrequently otherwise. So we have the blessing of an increasingly, criminal-free hobby with its attendant peace of mind.

Blessings too are the hundreds of books, brochures and pamphlets printed each year devoted to dispersing information about stamp collecting. Hardly any facet of philately has been neglected where guidance via the written word is concerned. In the United States we have two splendid stamp catalogs, the Scott and the Minkus, reference books which carry a sound reputation in our philatelic world. Then there are the society magazines and bulletins with all but a few of them containing an almost priceless quantity of information.

Benefits for the entire hobby come from the several very much alive and progressive groups. I especially have in mind the Collectors Club of New York, The Society of Philatelic Americans, The American Philatelic Society, the American Topical Assn., the Bureau Issues Assn. Then there are the hundreds of small clubs where usually a handful of members keep the ball rolling vigorously for the benefit and enjoyment of all. These are further blessings. Should you want to know more about the above-menthoned organizations, just drop me a line including a stamped addressed

Year by year the designs and colors of the world's postage stamps are becoming more and more attractive. Naturally, much of this comes from postal administrations' desire to please collectors artistically with a subsequent increase in sales of the home product. This of course is all legitimate. It is desirable and commendable. I hardly believe the hobby would have grown to ite eminence of 1959 in numbers if these colorful, tiny pieces of art hadn't brought in thousands of new recruits. The shoddy material of the pre-1920's certainly didn't have much appeal.

Grateful should be those families where either or both of the parents collect in the company of their children. With all the time—consuming things kids get into today, such as clubs and projects, and at home, the TV, family hours are few and far between. I think we'd all get on each other's nerves if we spent too much time together, but an association in our hobby brings pleasure and that invaluable sense of belonging. Then there are the friends and buddies we have been enjoying for years as associates in collecting, definitely in the "golden hours" category.

The above-mentioned are all blessings of a general nature. You, will have to recall those which our hobby gave to you personally. There should be plenty.



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Manchester MANPEX Due January 20-23

The Manchester Philatelic Society will celebrate its first anniversary with an exhibition January 20-23 in Roebuck Garden Shop, West Middle Turnpike, Manchester, Conn. The competition will be open, with three classes - U. S., foreign and topical-and suitable prizes and awards.

All material must be in the hands of the exhibition committee by January 15; full details are available from George Cochran, Box 963 Broad St. Stn., Manchester, Conn.

To mark the event, the new organization which already boasts over 70 active members will issue special cacheted covers. They may be ordered at 10c each, also from Mr.

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C53 — Alaska Statehood Airmail 7c, Juneau, January 3.
1113 — Lincoln 1e commem
Hodgenville, Ky., February 12. Hodgenville, Ky., February 12.

1124 — Oregon Statehood 4c,
Astoria, Ore., February 14.

1125-26 — San Martin "Champions of Liberty" 4c and 8c,
Washington, D.C. February 25.

1114 — Lincoln 3c commem,
New York, N. Y. February 27.

1037 — Hermitage 4½c regular.
Hermitage, Tenn., March 16.

1127 — NATO 4c, Washington,
D. C. April 1.

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1128 — Polar Exploration 4c,
April 6, Cresson, Pa.

1129 — Peace Through Trade
8c, Washington, D. C., April 20.

1059 — Hermitage 4½c coil,
Denver, Colo. May 1.

1116 — Lincoln 4c commem,
Washington, D. C., May 30.

1045 — Harrison 12c regular
Oxford, Ohio, June 6.

1130 — Silver Centennial 4c.
Virginia City, Nev., June 8.

1034 — Bunker Hill 2½c regular, Boston, Mass., June 17.

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New York, N. Y., June 19.

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c, Massena, N. Y., June 26. 1132 — 49-Star Flag 4c, Auburn

1132 — 49-5tar Flay 10, Australia N.Y., July 4. C54 — Balloon Jupiter Airmail, Lafayette, Ind., August 17. C55 — Hawaii Statehood Air-mail 7c, Honolulu, Hawaii, Au-- Soil Conservation 4c

1133 — Soil Conservation 76, Rapid City, S.D., August 26. C56 — Pan American Games Airmail 10c, Chicago, III., August 1134 - Petroleum Industry 4c

1134 — Petroleum Industry 4c,
Titusville, Pa., August 27.
1056 — Bunker Hill 21/2c coll,
Los Angeles, Calif. September 9.
1135 — Dental Health 4c, New
York City, September 14.
1136-37 — Ernst Reuter "Champion of Liberty" 4c and 8c, Washington, D.C., September 29.
C58 — Airmail 15c regular,
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1138 — Dr. Ephraim McDowell
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Another set—6d purple, 1/6 steel blue—will also be released, probably in October, to mark the first anniversary of the setting up in 1959 of the European Postal and Telecom munications Conference. All four stamps will be double normal size. They will include in their designs a portrait of the Queen, and will be printed in the photogravure process. Further details about the designs and dates of issue will be announced later.

Background material included in the official announcement explains the Charles II Act of 1660 es tablishing the "General Letter Office" also "legally settled" the Post Office and was the first of a long series of laws for the regulation of postal matters. It was so fundamental that it became known as the 'Post Office Charter'

There were two important earlier regulations concerning the establishment of the Post Office: a "Proclamation" passed by Charles II in 1635 which appointed "Thomas Witherings to provide official mails for the conveyance of private letters' and a Post Office Act passed by Oliver Cromwell in 1657.

The Act of 1660 was very largely a re-enactment of the 1657 Cromwell Act, Charles II taking the position that Acts passed during the Commonwealth and Protectorate were il-

The European Postal and Telecommunications Conference is a group of the following countries: Germany Republic, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Belgium, Iceland, Denmark, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Finland, Norway, Turkey, France, Netherlands, Austria, Greece and Portugal.

New York Rocket And Jet Society Forming

The "First Jet Flight and Rocket Cover Society" will hold its initial formative meeting January 28 in Room 10E, Adelphia Hall, 74 5th Ave., New York City. Its purpose will be the studying and advancement of space age forerunners.

Joseph Martinez acting as spokesman for the group urges all interested collectors to attend the gathering.

Further information about the proposed group may be obtained from Mr. Martinez at 1140 St. John's Pl., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.

House Of Parliament On Canadian Cancel

Stepan Gela of Toronto, Canada has forwarded a cover from Ottawa with a pictorial cancel, in green, picting the Canadian House of Par

The circular portion contains the date "9 XII '59", with "HOUSE OF COMMONS" in a semicircle at the top and the French equivalent "CHAMBRE D E S COMMUNES" similarly distributed at the bottom. It is not known how long the design was, or will be, used.



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Another instance where a living person is to be depicted on our commemoratives comes with the Boy Scout 50th Anniversary issue for February 8. News to this effect was printed in the Lansing State Journal, Lansing, Mich., December 13. A clipping was sent by Earl Fohl of that city.

The Scout is said to be Thornton Percival of Stockbridge, Mass. a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Powers of East Lansing. Thornton was the model for artist Norman Rockwell, the designer.

So now umpteen hundred of you are going to get the young man's autograph on a block of stamps or a FDC! I do not know whether Thornton Percival will be willing to do this - remember he has school work, Scouting and other demands on his time. But this remember don't send him anything which is not fully covered for prepaid return including a fully postage paid, addressed envelope.

And to carry the thing a step fur-ther. He has no obligation to any of you for such autographing. You can and should send something along of a modest value for his cooperation. He might be a stamp col-lector — undoubtedly he will be after this surge into the realm of our hobby — he is also a Scout — and an active 14-year-old boy. Be guided in your 'Thank You' gift according-

Don't be a cheap chiseler and expect him to finance your requests out of his own pocket.

The last "live" person to appear on a stamp is to be seen on the 15c Certified Mail of June 6, 1955.

1. Washington is shown praying on the Valley Forge commem of 1928. In the left background, by the tree, is shown the figure of a man. Has he ever been identified?

2. Who is the British commander of Fort Sackville shown surrendering to Col. George Rogers Clark on the "Clark" commem of 1929?

It was wonderfully pleasing that so many of you sent Christmas Greetings — some in the form of complimentary letters. Sure, there is a paycheck each week, and a nice office in which to work, both practical necessities. The "h u m a n touch" counts too; your friendliness

| Scott | Scot and generous commendations make it really worthwhile. Thanks a bushel. Sorry I couldn't respond to each of you individually. I did remember you in a prayer on Christmas Day.

George M. Hammond of Hornell, N.Y., who prepares those fetching maximum cards for each new com-mem, found an "Irish" U.S. postal card. It is the 3c Liberty. Due to foreign matter on the stamp printing plate there is a marking similar to a letter "O" before the word LIB-ERTY.

This combination in turn reads "O'Liberty" which, as they say in Jugoslavia, is as Irish as Pat's pig! Before any of you run your blood pressures up just remember that all kinds of specks and blemishes are to be found on postal cards. They are not extra valuable and rate as curiosities only.

Walter C. Brink, who operates the 'Brook Hill Local Mail Service' was injured in an automible accident and is laid up. However, the mail placed in his hands for handling via his "local" mail continues as before.

He has his own stamp and all, a triangular one, on the three sides of which are the towns at which the mail is posted. The cancellation is given to the side having the town where he lets Uncle Sammy take

One of the cleverest Christmas Greetings coming my way was handmade by Delbert D. Stevens of La Porte, Ind. It took a fairly de-cent quantity of time to prepare, plus green, orange, red and brown

stamps. The green stamps were used to form the evergreen, while the othones serve as the base for the tree.

Experiments conducted in the Los Angeles post office under the most stringent of "hush hush" conditions recently, are to determine what it will take to send a sealed letter from that city of the East, almost instantly without its being opened, and without its ever being taken out of the L.A. mail mill. The Los Angeles Examiner had the story.

In predicting this service for the future, the Examiner advised that an electronic eye will read your single page letters through a sealed envelope and deliver the text at the receiving and through another sealed envelope so that the message will never be seen by the human

The equipment used was housed in a walled-in section of the Los Angeles post office. Service tests were conducted with Washington, D.C.

Reportedly, the electronic device scans an open letter, then flashes the text to its destination. When brought to its ultimate state airmail will be kaput.

In current tests, four pages a minute are being transmitted, but engineers of the International Telephone & Telegraph Company, which was awarded a \$140,000 research contract last July, are working on a device which will transmit 1800 standard-sized letter pages per minute.

By sacrificing some of the reception quality, it is claimed, the traf-fic flow could be increased to 3600 pages per minute.

And looking still further ahead, the engineers are trying to perfect the system mentioned earlier, which would preserve the privacy of let-ters and scan them and deliver them through sealed envelopes.
"Facsimile mail service," he said,

'is one of the programs being considered and is still in the research and development stage. When the tests are concluded, the results and recommendations will be made pub-

Just in case stamps ever go out of style in this country, there'll always be San Marino!

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— — American Credo stamps for Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, Patrick Henry, Francis Scott Key, and Abraham Lincoln.

Feb. 1 — Inter-American Conference Airmail 10c, Washington, D. C.

Feb. 8 — Boy Scouts Golden Jubilee 4c, Washington, D. C. (50 per pane, 120,000,000).

Feb. 18 — Winter Olympic Games 4c.

Mar. 7 — Thomas G. Masaryk "Champion of Liberty 4c and 8c, Washington, D. C. 4c, 70 per pane, 120,000,000; 8c, 72 per pane, 40,000,000).

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Apr. 17 — World Refugee Year
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Apr. 22 — Airmail regular 25c,
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June 17 — 1½c regular, 1½c
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Santa Fe, N. M.

July 4 — 50-Star Flag 4c.
July 19 — Pony Express 4c,
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Aug. 28 — Employ the Physically Handicapped, New York,
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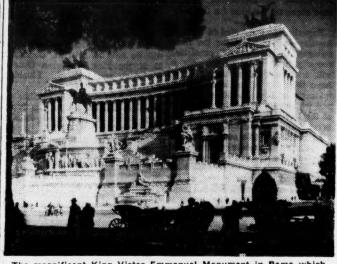
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Tour members will have a full week in London. They will have an opportunity to visit the large International Stamp Exhibition. Further, a number of private tours in London and throughout the English countryside have been arranged, for this group alone. Ample time has been provided for excursions on one's own whether it be for shopping or additional sightseeing.

After London, there is a flight to Cologne, Germany and subsequently a trip up the Rhine River past the romantic castles, astounding vineyards and the Lorelei, ending at Colbenz.

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Tours, already set up exclusively for the group, will cov-

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French Set In "Hard"

The stamps of France are being revalued in the "New" or "Hard Franc" currency beginning January according the Gimbel's Stamp and Coin Dept., New York City. On that day current regular designs will appear with the new designations in values of 005, 010, 015, and 025, with airs of 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, and 5.00 francs.



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January 18 will bring a set of seven scenic stamps: o15fr. royal blue. dark blue and sepia, Cathedral de Laon; o30fr. same colors, Chateau de Fougeres; o45fr. dark brown and violet, Gorge of Kerrata in Algeria; and o50fr. dark green and wine red, Tlemcen Mosque in Algeria. The three higher values are

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A full page of illustrations shows the winning designs in Israel's recent Bible stamp design contest, and other articles relate to the Roman Emperor Constantine, Presbyterian colonizing of New Zealand, the Cardinal Spellman set and new sets from Israel and Vatican.

In addition, much space is devoted to two continuing series, "The Ma-donna on Stamps", by Rev. Alo-ysius S. Horn and "Religion and Philosophy on Stamps of Czechoslovakia", by C. Hedley Osbourn. A sample copy of the December issue may be had for 25c from Waller

A few copies are left of the 36 page anniversary issue which contains three major checklists: Madonnas, Missionaries, and Churches of the Italian Area, as well as many articles of lasting interest. Copies

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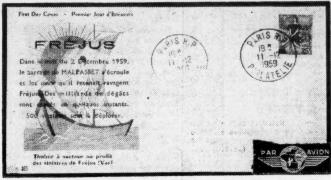
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REFUGEE YEAR (Continued from page 1)

ing and numerals by George L. Hu-

ber.

Collectors may send addressed covers and cash or money order remittances to cover the cost of stamps to be affixed, to the postmaster, Washington 13, D. C. Requests for first day covers should not be accompanied by orders for unused stamps or for covers of other stamps. stamps

The Washington, D. C. post office reports that collectors are grouping their requests for first day covers of stamps scheduled for release in Washington early in 1960. In many instances the accompanying postal money order or certified check embraces all stamps to be affixed, creating an accounting problem.

Collectors are cautioned not to group orders for first day covers to be serviced by the Postmaster, Washington 13, D. C. Requests for first day covers must be sent september of the covers of the cov arately, and each order must be identified on the outer envelope or wrapper, as: "First day covers—10c Inter-American Conference Commemorative", or whatever may be the title of that one particular issue. Any multiple orders postmarked

up to and including December 24

over 12,000,000 first day covers have been canceled so far this year with figures relating to the 4c Dr. Ephraim McDowell "Famous American" stamp released December 3 still to be reported, according to POD records.

and there were 259,412 FDC's canceled November 20 at New York, N. Y. when the 15c "Statue of Liberty" international airmail stamp was placed on sale. In all and the state of placed on sale. In all, 657,194 of these stamps were sold in New York the first day, with a value of \$98,-

Official figures of first day covers canceled thus far this year are 12,-032,874, as compared to a final figure for all of 1958 of 9,742,418.

YEMEN'S FOURTH (Continued from page 1)

new "Taiz-El Ordi (Station)" can celler and ran through a small batch of first day covers on the spot. Most of these are of the 6bog. value, as, technically, that value is the only one actually released for first day sale and use to date.

However, due to some peculiar cir-

However, due to some pecunar cur-cumstances, it is likely that the com-plete set of three values—6, 10 and 40bog. (1 'Imadi), all of the 1930 and 40bog. (1 'Imadi), all of the 1930 issue overprinted in the post office affirst general issue overprinted in black as above, will never see nor-

mal first day issue with the excep-tion of the lower value(s).

For this reason, a few complete sets and a number of the 10bog. value, the latter paying local post and registry combined, were also run through with the first day cancel.

High Value Scarce—The reason for this educated guess is that considhigh value were spoiled in over-printing and are now no longer avail-able for issue with the two lower sales abroad. erable quantities of the 1'I. (40bog.) values.

were defective and may be returned by the dealer. At the same time. the Ministry announced that the 100 defective stamps were the "last of

the Mohicans". The overprints were all "a cheval". That is, they were printed diagonally on the sheets in such manner that only a small fragment of the overprint, if any, appeared on some of the stamps of each sheet.

The writer secured less than two been given that Yemenite

dozen normal overprints of this value for his own collection, although hundreds of correctly overprinted lower values are available.

This, however, is harder on Yemenite philatelists than on stateside ones, for ample supplies of normally overprinted complete sets were sold to the U. S. market by Mr. "X" prior to his releasing to Yemen

of what was left.
Yemen Airmail Rates Reduced Due to conformity with Arab Postal Union rates, the Yemen airmail fees, once about the highest in the

world, have now come down considerably, as follows:
Airmail to U. S., 25bog. per each 10 grams (about 1-3 oz.)
Registry to U. S., 8bog.
Aerogram to U.S., 10bog.

Seamail letter to U.S., 6bog. per each 20 grams. Local inland letter, 4bog.

Newspaper wrapper, 1bog. Local post and registry, 10bog.

Postal cards, 4bog.

1959 Issues—Of the eight perf and two imperf issues prepared in 1959, four have now been regularly issued for ordinary post office use and counter sales. Together with their first days of issue, they are as follows:

United Arab States (flags): 4bog. March 13; 1, 2, 6, 10, 16bog July 5.

Arab Union of Telecommunications: 4bog. only (complete) March

Automatic Telephone of Sana'a: 6, 8, 10, 20bog. and 1'I. August 15. 1959 Airmail: 6bog. November 7; 10bog. (available from Ministery for prepayment of postage); 1'I. (small quantity, mostly defective, available

Not yet released for normal postal use and first day sales but available by favor from Ministry of Communications and usable for prepayment

of postage are the following sets:
1958 Airmail: 6, 8, 10, 20bog.
40th Anniversary of "First Yemen Stamp": 8, 10, 14, 18, 20bog. and

UN Human Rights: 3, 14, 20bog.

and 1'I.

11th Anniversary Accession Imam Ahmad: 6, 8, 10bog. and 1'I.

There are no facilities for the purchase of these two sets in small quantities by mail from outside Yemen, but for the short time before they are used up as postal re-placement stock fairly large dealers' orders can be filled at a certain percentage over face by local mer-chants who procure them by favor

ter his extensive wholesale deals abroad, and as he had already spoiled the market, and has at present reduced his prices to prevent com-petition from dealers purchasing direct from Yemen, the whole affair is far from satisfactory from the world stamp trade viewpoint.

Now we come to the "imperforates"—5000 each of the 4bog. United Arab States and Telecommunica-

The writer applied to the Ministry The writer saw an order for 200 sets only partly filled (100) for a quantity equal to 10 per cent of his purchases of the normal perpending the high value, virtually all employee collaborator of "X") but was told that "none existed in Yem-

en' This means that unless Mr. "X" will send back a quantity from Damascus for postal release in Yemen (most unlikely, as he is getting 500 to \$1 apiece, wholesale, for this 8c face item), the "imperforates" may never be issued or made available

chase for themselves or as agents of outside dealers, suitable wholesale quantities of all new Yemen issues on "first day" in Yemen in the future, and that the monopoly of "X" and the employee will not be maintained. maintained.

We are awaiting this situation with interest and will advise when and if it materializes. In the meantime we shall continue to report the gradual first day releases of the present overprinted sets as fast as they occur.

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Provision was made in the Overland Mail bill, which transferred the Butterfield Overland Mail to the Central Route, to make the western terminus Placerville, Calif. That order also applied to the Pony Express. Accordingly, W. H. Russell, having no further need for the Sacramento office, appointed Wells Farge & Co. agents and ordered the local office turned over to them. The first third of this advertisement has in the past been published separately, with a following statement that "the original management had been ousted" and that Wells Farge had taken over the Pony Express. Such a construction is hard to conceive when actually only a transfer of the agency office in Sacramento was made. Photo, courtesy Bancroft Library Rerkeley, Calif.

The Pony Express Heroic Effort-Tragic End

Raymond W. Settle

Everybody concerned with this great contract was satisfied with its provisions. Russell wrote William B. Waddell that it was "all the Co. could ask, and as much as I ever encouraged them to hope for, and with all an A No. 1 contract, one that will pay big money if well managed, I am content. We should get the thing up right, work it with energy, and with its results entirely relieve R-M and W." (Letter of William H. Russell to William B. Waddell, March 20, 1861, MS. Copy in library of author).

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Records show clearly that Wells Fargo Express was appointed as agent in San Francisco, Calif. April 15, 1861 by William H. Russell, and in Sacramento on May 16 of the same year. The firm served in that capacity only until October 24, 1861 when the Pony Express ended. That relation was begun under the Russell, Majors and Waddell Co. and continued by the Overland Mail Co. when it succeeded RM&W. The above copy of page 276 of the 1861 San Francisco Directory shows Wells Fargo & Co. listed as agents for, and not operators of, the Pony Express.

Russell's feeling of satisfaction with the contract was fully justified. stopped the proposition of abandoning the business altogether was discussed by the officers of In the first place, he and his part-ners, Majors and Waddell, would freely discussed by the officers of to Placerville, Calif.

It is true that the cost would be greater, but with improved facilities an increase in passenger and express receipts was expected. Considering the precarious condition of the sole mail contractor on the Centhe company, the new contract was tral Route. Not only that, orders for a windfall indeed.

Dinsmore was also highly pleased with the contract. Hiram S. Rum-field, agent for the Overland Mail Lake City, said that after the ser- be put entirely out of the business

receive \$220,000 a year more for operating over approximately half the route from the Missouri River to Salt Lake City than they were then receiving for covering the whole line to Placerville Calif

provisions of the bill passed by Congress, the Overland Mail Co. was service upon that route were delivered only to that company.

Under a strict interpretation of the bill the Central Overland California Co. at St. Loui, and later at Salt & Pike's Peak Express Co. would vice on the Southern Route was of carrying the mail and operating

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the Pony Express over the Central

It was not so intended and did not turn out that way. Under his con-tract with Russell, Dinsmore surrendered the Eastern Division, the best and easiest managed half of the line from the Missouri River to Salt Lake City. For his own company he retained the more difficult, hazardous Western Division

This was the obvious thing to do since Russell's company being fa-miliar with the Eastern Division and already established upon it, could carry on as usual during the critical period of change and readjustment. In addition the western end of the old Overland Mail line on the Southern Route, not having been raided as was its eastern sections, still retained intact its stock, equipment, and personnel.

Therefore the simplest, easiest, and cheapest way to put the new line on the Central Route into operation was to move it al! north from southern California to Placerville. (Oscar Osburn Winther, "Via West-ern Express and Stagecoach", Stanford University, 1945, 138-39).

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The 20 fillers black on gray features a school teacher reading to her class of tots against a background suggestive of a rainbow. The 30f. black and rose shows the Fairy Prince standing beside the Sleeping Beauty, while the 40f. concerns a Hungarian tale about the lad "Mat the Goose". On this black and turquoise green value he is shown shepherding three of his flock.

The popular fable of the cricket and the ant is depicted on the black and light blue 60f. item, while the Russian version of Mashenka and the three bears decorates the 1 Forint black and yellow. Here the motif is highly suggestive of the En-glish-language "Goldilocks and the Three Bears".



A horrible witch complete with cane and black cat is confronting a girl and smaller boy on the 2Ft. black and yellowish green representing Babes in the Woods.

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Piper of Hamelin is depicted at the head of a group of enthralled young-sters, while the final value 3Ft. brings the story of Little Riding Hood. The wolf is shown in bed, with the child regarding him suspiciously on this black and light brown adhesive.

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PLATE BLOCK -THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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"AT LONG LAST" (Concluded)

In the last article on this subject, we commented on the various plate numbers that were cancelled in October, mostly those of the 1948 Presidential series. For a number of these we have waited pretty long to acquire this information — it could and would have been more helpful if made known earlier.

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When the current Liberty series plate numbers, one in each color. The fact that the choice for this two-color job was on an 8c stamp was indeed unfortunate. It would have been many times less unfor-tunate had it been the value for the first-class one ounce rate (3c until August 1958, and 4c thereafter).

In past history of United States
postage stamps, this was nearly always the case — 2c George Rogers Clark of 1929, 2c Red Cross and
ers Clark of 1929, 2c Red Cross and 2c. Signed letters, documents, and photographs signed by presidents, statement, representations of the product of the control of the contr 2c Yorktown, both of 1931, and 3c Red Cross of 1952. Putting out a bicolor stamp with two plate numbers in the 8c denomination, and at that on the regular issue series, created expensive hardships and insurmountable obstacles on thousands of

plate block collectors and dealers. It was not so much that the stamp is higher in face value, but more because of the obligation (in 1954) of buying 50 stamps to obtain a plate block. Worse still, since then the rule has been changed to a full pane of 100 stamps for a plate block. The disposition of the "scrap" from the purchases in these cases is very difficult and costly. In quantity it is next to impossible.

Almost from the beginning of this printing, certain plate number com-binations proved difficult to obtain. Until just recently we did not know exactly why. Now the information is almost complete, at least on all the denomination a gaily strutting Pied plate numbers used in the flat plate A printing process.

Now we know that the blue frame plate numbers 24912, 24913, 24914, and 24915, were not too rare because they had 85,000 or more impressions each. The next group with reasonably large impressions, and most likely paired off with the above four frame plates, were red vignette plate numbers 24935, 24936, 24937, B and 24939. These had between 83,000-84,000 impressions each.

The red center plate numbers 24916, 24917, 24918, and 24919 were in a considerably harder-to-get group, these having had only 18,000 plus impressions each. Next were the blue frame numbers 24929, 24930, 24932, and 24933, with 9335. This is a very small number of impressions

plate number, 24926, with 4918 impressions. From the outset very few of these were known. Now, the col-lector of all positions is trying to obtain No. 24926 with the red center numbers 24916-17-18-19, a total of four impressions—and of course each in No. Rhodes. 25-32 Nyasaland 54-52

number right from the start. It is not at all fair to penalize collectors with the creation and release of plate numbers with such small runs

Not long after the first batch of the flat plate printing of the 8c Liberty went to press, the presence of a new number was suddenly discovered, red center numbr 24920. This number was seen with blue frame numbers 24913 and 24915. They showed up in but very few and remote instances-just an occasional sheet

here or there. Those who literally had slaved with great pains to complete the tions, were thus struck with the in-

formation that they still had eight more notches to go to reach complete success.

To date I know of not one single case where this has been an accomplished fact by any collector. Now we know why. This latest report shows that a total of only 525 impressions was made of the red center plate number 24920. An unknown part was used with blue frame 24913 and the balance, also unknown, with blue frame 24915.

The decent and proper thing would surely have been not to let a few hundred panes like these get into circulation. Somone in the POD ought to realize what consequences a thing like this has, and avoid repetition of such an incident in the

Collectors as well as dealers ought to express their disapproval of such was initiated in 1954, the first to appear was the 8c Liberty in two colors, with combinations of two plate numbers can be such practices. Enough plate numbers can and do become scarce by being distributed and swallowed up with age, without the creation of numbers by permitting a few sheets like these 8c flat plate Liberties to come into being.

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Day of issue was December 7, with sales to continue to February Validity for postal use will end



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information in great detail.

For the first time in any general catalogue of British sphere, first day covers of all special issues have been listed and priced. The section on Ireland has been removed from the main section and established in Part II.

Prices have been revised carefully and it should be noted that these are market prices in England at which one can purchase his needs. Booklets of all Commonwealth countries are covered, as well as miniature sheets and Canadian precancels.

Latest prices for a few key items are noted as follows: Australia 2/Tasmanian Sesqui, 8/9 mint, 7/3
used, and 12/6 FDC. Dominica 48c
definitive of 1954 has risen to 10/from 2/6. We predict this one will go higher. Fiji 10/- withdrawn definitive of

1954 is now at 20/- mint and used. Ghana 5/- Black Star Line at 35/-mint and 32/6 used, and the Lincoln miniature sheet at 35/- both ways.

Also, India's 10 Rupee of 1955, with multiple star watermark is up to 26/6 from 18/-, while the Indian Custodial Forces overprints of 1953-4 have doubled in price. The Malayan 1949-51 definitives of all States have risen sharply and the withdrawn Montserrat \$4.80 has climbed from 24/- to 60/-!!

New Zealand's 3/6 overprint on 3/6 Fiscal stamp of 1953 is now priced at 72/6 mint and 65/- used, and the overprinted "dot" error of 1958 now stands at 55/- mint and 62/6 used. The first QEII issues of Northern Rhodesia, Nyasaland and Southern Rhodesia have inched up farther, and the UN issue of Pakis-

used, and the "one cent" Provisional the daily and weekly philatelic press of 1956 of the same country is priced at 10/- mint and 12/6 used. Finthe obsolete 5d and 8d values of Turks and Caicos have tripled in

We also suggest you check the perfs on your copies of the Sierra Leone 3d definitive. If perf 13 x 13¹/₄, is worth 12/6 mint and 7/used, whereas perf 13% all around copies are priced at only 4d and 2d. The stamps appeared with both perfs when the set was first issued.

Ireland - Because of changes in 2½d denominations has been discontinued. Although these values were withdrawn from general sale Novem- Richmond 26, Va.

ber 1, philatelists can obtain them from the Philatelic Section, General Post Office, Dublin until February 1. (Embassy of Ireland)

Falkland Islands — A completely new definitive set has been ordered from Waterlow consisting of 15 val-ues from ½d to 1 Pound. The recess printing process will be used on C.

A. (Block Capitals) paper.

The stamps will measure 40 x 24mm. The designs, in addition to the portrait of Her Majesty with the Commonwealth Catalogue has been received, and like its predecessors it is filled with the latest available.

ture will mean the withdrawal of the six odd values issued between 1955 and 1957. None in this group has a high face value, but knowing how little mail comes from Falklands it is best to pick them up now while they are not difficult or expensive to obtain. It may be a different story they are obsolete.

Saint Lucia — To commemorate the introduction of a New Constitution in the Windward and Leeward Islands, a special issue of three stamps will be released January 1. The denominations, 8c, 10c and 25c will feature an early galleon with the twin peaks of St. Lucia in the back ground.

In vertical format, the stamps will measure 35 x 27.5mm perf to perf and sheets will consist of 100 subjects (10 x 10). Waterlow is printing them in one color by the recess process on C. A. (Block Captails) watermarked paper. The 8c value will be red, 10c orange, and 25c blue. (Crown Agents).

The design of the twin peaks, call-ed The Pitons, was used by St. Lucia in 1902 on a stamp issued to commemorate the fourth centenary of the discovery of the island by Columbus. This 2d stamp is a nice little item today. The twin peaks which form part of the Seal of the Colony are seen from a differperspective on the 10/- KGV definitive of 1936.

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St. Helena's First Postage Stamp
Centenary set has more than doubled, the \$4.80 definitive of Trinidad and Tobago with perf 12 Line has skyrocketed to 62/6 mint and 36/- and special feature article to both APS president C. C. Cratsenberg has announced that the departmen

will be under the direction of Jame M. Chemi, national publicity chair man. The bureau's mail address in 5932 N. 14th Pl., Phoenix, Ariz.

Mr. Cratsenberg announced also that the third annual APS Spring Meeting will be held in conjunction with VAPEX 1960, the March 4exhibition of the Richmond (Va.) Stamp Club at Richmond's John Marshall Hotel. One of the largest events in Virginia's philatelic hispostal rates, the printing of 11/2d and tory is anticipated. The official show prospectus now is available from J. K. Hatchett, 6816 Edmonstone Ave.

Durland PN Catalog Gives Many Details

The "Durland Standard Plate Number Catalog" is now available from the Sterling Stamp Co., Inc., 45 Bromfield St., Boston 8, Mass. Based on years of study and research by the late Clarence B. Durland, it is a carefully prepared analysis of the rarity and avail-ability—and actual value—of a huge array of plate number blocks of United States stamps.

In it, to quote editors Vahe Nazar and G. William Patten, "presented for the first time in any publication the complete listing of the 1926-31 issue priced by number and position." Moreover, the proof of the existence of many rare numbers is presented in the form of photographs.

Especially interesting is the explanation of the various top plate markings both with and without arrows of the 1936 red and blue 16c airmail special delivery stamp, with illustrations.

The catalog is paper bound, of 84 pages 6 x 9 in size. It is available from the Sterling Stamp Co. at the address given. Listings are by the popular Scott's numbers.

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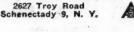
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Much Activity In All French Area

With changes in currency, adjustments in relations with former colonies, and the arrival of indepen-dence anniversaries in several of them, philatelic activity through the entire French Community has continued at a high pitch. This is the special report of A. Niven, writer of Linn's popular "World Philatelic News Reel" feature.



France-The new French definitives for release beginning January 1 comprise the following: "005", Arms of Lille; "010", Harvester; "015", Arms of Algier; "020", Sower (blue and red brown); "025", Marianne in Barque (blue and red); "015", Cethodyle of Lorn, "020" "015", Cathedral of Laon; "030", Castle at Fougeres; "045", Kerrata Gorge; "050", Mosque at Tlemcen; "065", Valley of the Sioule; "085", Viaduct at Chaumont; "1.00" (1Fr.), view in Reunion.

The foregoing are all expressed in centimes except where noted, but the method adopted does not show any currency indication. The first naught represents the Franc value. The Arms types are exact repeats of the present issues, the Landscapes are new designs.

The low value Arms and Symbols issues will be released January 1: the 020 "Semeuse" is from the original design by Roty, engraved by Piel. Artists for the Landscape issue of January 18 are 015, Laon Cathedral, designed and engraved by Cami; 030, Gandon; 045, Spitz, and Cami; 050, Pheulpin; 065, Mazelin; 085, Munier; 1fr., Hertenberger.



This last stamp shows the Church of Cilaos and the Grand Benard Mountains on Reunion. Colors have been announced as: 015, Royal blue, light blue and sepia; 045, brown black and violet; 050, light green and claret; 065, turquoise bistre and dark green.

The release date of the airmails is announced for January 11.

The Council of Europe official mail definitives will also be released in new denominations of 020, 025, and 050fr.

The 1960 program envisages the following semipostals: Stamp Day a design showing the laying of the submarine cable; Famous Frenchsubmarine cable; Famous Frenchmen 1960 — Michel de l'Hospital (1507-1573), Religious Reformer; Henri Prince de Touraine (1611-1675), Marshal of France; Nicolas Boileau (1636-1711), poet; Jean-Martin Charcot (1825-1893), doctor; Alexandre Cesar Leopold Bizet (1838-1875), composer; and Edgar Degas (1834-1917) painter A set will also (1834-1917) painter. A set will also be released for Refugee Year, and for the Red Cross, showing the works of St. Martin.

Unsurcharged stamps to be released include: Heroes of the Resistance; Edmond Debeaumarchais, postal official; Maurice Ripoche, pilot; Leonce Vieljeux, mayor of Larochelle; and Pierre Masse, Jewish lawyer and statesman.

Cause Senegal was released December 11—85fr. showing native girl with (foreground) principal buildings of St. Louis, background, general aerial view.

Mauretanian Islamic Republie —

Two values for Europa 1960, one 1940, four showing flowers and birds (as a test run for a new six-color printing press!), and twelve miscellaneous issues.

These note Marc Sangnier, politician and founder of the Youth Hostels; Andre Honnorat, founder of the Paris University City; the first primary school at Straasbourg: the reattachment of Nice to France; the reattachment of Savov to France: the Armed Forces Museum at St. Etienne; the Congress of European Lord Mayors in Cannes; the Olym-pic Games in Rome; the inaugura-scape of Reunion will be issued with

Columbus' Ship On St. Lucia Set

LINN'S WEEKLY STAMP NEWS

Stamps to commemorate the granting of the New Constitution to the Windward and Leeward Islands will be issued in St. Lucia as from January 1, the Crown Agents Representative in Washington, D. C. has announced. The 8, 10 and 25c adhesives have been printed in London by Waterlow & Sons Ltd., in single color by the process process. color by the recess process.

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All are size 35 x 27.5 mm perfora-tion to perforation, in vertical for-mat, on C. A. (Block Capitals) wa-termarked paper. Each includes a portrait of Her Majesty, together with the St. Edward's Crown. Colors are: 8c red, 10c orange and 25c blue.



The design attractively combines the past with the present. It fea-tures a ship denoting Christipher Columbus' supposed discovery of the island in the 16th century. In the background are the pitons, two conically shaped mountains covered with dense foliage stading like sentinels at the entrance of the second town of Soufriere. In the top right hand corner is a picture of the Queen wearing a diamond tiara.

The island is believed to have been discovered in 1502. It was the scene of several bitter battles between the British and French for possession, but has been in British hands continuously since 1803. After almost 150 ears of British rule, adult suffrage was introduced followed soon after by the ministerial system.

A more liberal constitution leading to complete internal self-gov-ernment is being introduced in January 1960. This will enable the peo-ple of St. Lucia to play a greater part in the management of their own affairs.

"landscapes" showing the Castle of Blois and the Basilica at Lisieux. Equally ambitious philatelic pro-grams are indicated over much of

the French Community area:

Central African Republic — December 1 brought 15 and 25fr. stamps for the First anniversary of the Republic, both showing Pres. Boganda and the flag of the Republic, designed by Gandon.

Chad Republic—For the first anniversary of the Republic, two stamps were issued November 28: 15fr., composition of bull's head, native sailing craft and cotton bolls; 25fr., two symbolical doves rising from a map of the Republic.

Congo Republic — On November 28, a single 25fr. was released for the "Birth of the Republic". The design by Cami shows a native girl holding the fasces with the rising sun in the background.

New definitives showing fauna and flora of the Congo are in preparation

for release next year.

Gabon Republic — Two adhesives of 15 and 25fr. showing Prime Minister Leon Mba were released November 28.

Ivory Coast Republic - For the first anniversary of the proclama-tion of the Republic, a 25fr. dark brown was released December 4 showing a portrait of President Houphouet-Boigny.

Mali Federation — The large size stamp (double French commemorative format) for the third centenary of the foundation of the town of St. Louis de Senegal was released De-

For the anniversary of the Profor the 20th anniversary of June 18, clamation, a 25fr. is in preparation for release in December. The design by Decaris shows the head of a camel, black and white hands grasping the flag of the Republic,

and a flowering plant.

Somali Coast:—The "Fish" series recently reported was released November 21.

Upper Volta Republic - A 25fr. item was released December 11 for the first anniversary of the Repub-lic. The design by Pheulpin shows a portrait of Pres. Coulibaly.

tion of the airport at Paris; and two the overprint "50 Fr. C. F. A."

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Czech "Birds" Set **Shows Seven Species**

November 17 was day of issue for a set of seven "Birds" stamps from Czechoslovakia featuring as many species of the country's bird life. The designs were created by Karel Svolinsky, with engraving by Ladis-



subjects are Values, colors and listed as 20 haleru black, brown, blue, and red, Spotted Woodpeckgreen, blue, and tmouse; and 40h. 30h. brown, yellow, Blue Titmouse; and 40h. black, gray blue, brown and russet, nuthatch.

Also 60h. yellow, orange, brown, and brown black Oriole; 80h. black, russett, red, and yellow, Goldfinch; 1Kcs. black, gray blue and red, Bullfinch and 1.20Kcs. brown, blue, red, and green, Kingfisher.

The stamps were produced by the engraving process at the State Print-ing Works at Prague. They will re-main valid for postage until further notice, according to the official news release.

New Coins On Cachet For Next Israel Issue

The official cachet which will mark the first day covers for the January 6 Israeli stamps in the new agor-ot values will depict newly issued coins in the new monetary unit, ac-cording to Jacques Minkus of the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Inc., New York City.



The four coins depicted are the 1 agora scalloped edge design showing heads of grain; 5 agorot, pomegranate; 10a., palm tree; and 25a., a harp.

The new money pieces were designed by "Roli", this being the operating name of G. Rothschild and Z. Lippman. They have designed various Israeli postage stamps in the past.

Minkus World-Wide Catalogs All Sold Out

firm's 1960 editions of its two large New World-Wide Catalogs, all copies have already been taken up to the guess would be to the effect that the pressman strengthened his color and sent the sheet through again for another application of it have already been taken up by the trade. The publishers are completely although of course stocks still remain in retail establish-

The firm attributes much of this demand to the fact that the Minkus offerings are more than mere list-ings and pricings of stamps. They contain, in addition, much relevant matter pertaining to the background and history of the various adhe-

sives. Ample supplies of the new regional and area Minkus catalogs, as described in Linn's of December 21, are still available. These are spe-cialized portions of the huge Volumes I and II (combined) and III, which are no longer available at the

Israeli Honor For American Collector

Convention in Los Angeles an important award was made to Dr. F. C. Brock, Burbank, Calif. by the Tel Aviv Philatelic Society of Israel, In the form of a hand illuminated certificate it was in appreciation of the Doctor's entry at the APS-SESCAL exhibition.

The subject of the display was French Civilian Postal Markings on Mail of the Napoleonic Era", and the notice taken of it by the Israeli group was said to be the first such good will gesture made by a foreign stamp group at a major American philatelic event.

Stamp Contest On Radio Warsaw

To mark the 100th anniversary of the issuance of the first Polish postage stamp, Poland's Radio Warsaw has announced a stamp contest, according to Thomas E. Wright of Topeka, Kans. All who enter it should send their answers to the following questions about the stamps of Poland:

1-The color and perforations of the first Polish stamp.

2—A description of five Polish stamps on historical themes issued during 1945-1955 (subject, color, nominal value)

3-A list of Polish stamps present ing a portrait of Frederic Chopin (year of issues, color, nominal val-

4-In addition, special prizes will be awarded for the photographic re-production (15 x 18cm) of one of several Polish stamps depicting Po-lish flora and fauna. The best photos will be displayed at the 1960 In-ternational Philatelic Exhibition in Warsaw.

Prizes will include a set of uncanceled postage stamps of Poland, the stamps to be issued in Poland in 1960, and other stamps, albums and publications.

In addition to prizes for correct answers to all questions, there will be special Radio Warsaw awards for correct replies to particular ques-tions. These prizes will consist of recordings of Chopin, folk and light music, illustrated albums of Warsaw's architecture, and folk art items

Replies to the contest questions must be postmarked before January 25. Airmail rates to Poland are 15c per ½ oz. The address is: Polish Radio, Warsaw, Poland. Radio Warsaw broadcasts a stamp

Wednesday at 8 p.m. EST on the following frequencies: 15.275 mc/s (19.64m), 11.815 mc/s (25.39 m), and 7.315 mc/s (41.01 m). The program is in English.

Double Yellow On Nicaraguan Sheet

On April 17, 1958 Nicaragua released a set of commemorative airmails for the Brussels World Fair, six in all, plus a souvenir sheet in which this half dozen appeared in the original colors

One of the souvenir sheets has been found by John Keindl, 17 Summit St., East Orange, N. J. with two applications of the yellow. The doubling is easily seen with the naked eye on each of the stamps on which this celer appears.

this color appears.

Inspection seems to indicate that when the sheet was given its original yellow, the color was not in-City have reported that in spite of a considerably enlarged printing of the firm's 1960 editions of its two.

not perfect - an overlap gives the doubling away.

Mr. Keindl would appreciate the opportunity to compare notes with other collectors who might have a like copy

Israel Releases First Figures On Stamps Sold

The Israel Post Office Department has issued its first announcement of the quantities sold of the two issues of stamps which were withdrawn September 30.

Of the 120 pruta Tel-Aviv Jubilee stamp 3,002,000 were sold, while the Independence Day series 1959 reached 2,936,000; the 120p., 2,510,000; and the 300p., 1,510,000.
These figures include stamps sold

both for postal use and philatelic sales, also first day covers. With this announcement, a new procedure has begin, and in due course figures on later issues will be announced, according to the Israel Philatelic Agency in America, Inc. of New York City,

Jubilee Cachet Offer By New Jersey Scout Unit

The George Washington Chapter of S.O.S.S.I. (Scouts on Stamps Socie-ty International), will issue a col-ored cacheted first day cover honoring Scouting's Golden Jubilee, from Washington D. C. on Febru-

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Another first in Canadian philately was established with the recent discovery in a small Quebec Province post office of a full pane of 50 of the 5c Seaway showing light double printing of the red portions of the design at top and bottom. This is the first time in the 118 years of the nation's postage stamp history that such a variety has escaped into public hands.

Lightning Strikes Canadian 5c Seaway Again – Pane Found With Doubling Of Red Imprint

K. Bileski

The first report dealing with the Inverted Seaway error stamp ap peared in the Winnipeg Tribune September 9, and within a week the story was featured in just about every Canadian newspaper plus many others all over the world. It was a fascinating story. After all, what other hobby could produce a situation whereby for an outlay of a few cents one could suddenly find oneself rather well off?

At any rate, for the next several weeks postal clerks in post offices all across Canada must have eyed inquirers after Seaway stamps with a knowing look, as did the one in a small Province of Quebec post office.

He knew the young lady before him, and when asked for some Sealight that the doubling was apparent way stamps he pushed over a pad only on the very last two right vertibefore her and jokingly said, "Why cal rows of the big sheet. All the don't you take the lot, it may be full of inverted centers?"

Her eyes traveled over the 50 rows starting from the left looked stamps — and then she tried her innocent enough. best to control herself. Perhaps she just didn't see straight!

Out came \$2.50. She took the top pane and had a closer look at it outside the post office, then hurried home. She rounded up \$212.50 more, rushed back to the post office and asked for the remainder. The astonished clerk gave her the lot.

What in the world was the matter with her? There were no inverted centers in that lot. Postal clerks had long since checked all stocks on hand. The young lady need not have worried about buying the rest of the pad. When lightning strikes like this, it splits up nicely into four equal sections. Somewhere in three more Canadian post offices rested the other three parts of a 200 sheet of Seaways. And—if they still existed—each would be the very unusual number 15 in its pad of 100

Pane number 15 was rather out of the ordinary. As the eye looked at the first three vertical rows there was really little to see—at first glance, that is,—but the last two rows were quite special. Behind each bold word "CANADA" there was one other word "CANADA".

These were on an angle and as the eye traveled from right to left of the pane, there was the second CANADA on every single stamp, partly or completely losing itself in the blue color. The words "St. Lawrence Seaway" and their French equivalent were there too, all nicely

Another first for Canada! The tire red portion had been doubly printed, and this was the first pane in 108 years of Canadian stamps to run through the presses twice and then get out to the public.

How did this happen? How did it ever escape the usual vigilant checking so thorough that in 108 years, the first of its type, the Inverted Seaway, had reached the public but a few weeks previously?

Examination of the pane of 50 showed unmistakably that it was the upper right pane of the original ting the same print right way up sheet of 200. This meant 150 more from the flat bed. Double Seaways existed. In the process of cutting up into panes of 50, each of the four panes would wind up in four different pads of

100 panes. the second print was at such an an- Seaway sheet.

rest of the doubling gradually lost its way in the blue color.

She laughed and looked at the pad. Before her were the remains of a 100-unit of panes. The one on top had the pencilled number "15" in the corner. That meant 15" in the corner. That meant 15" in the corner and lower, would be identical, but even here the three long vertical to wow starting from the left looked

The examiner of the 200-unit sheet could have looked over as many as eight out of ten rows of stamps and seen nothing unusual. The western human eye is conditioned to look always first at the left hand side of a page or sheet of stamps. An Arabic inspector would have started from the right.

Thus did the Double Seaway get through every inspection just because both the large sheet and ev-ery single pane of that large sheet looked quite normal, at first glance.

How could a sheet go through the press twice? If it did, surely the printer would have caught the error? The answer to all this begins in the way the second print appears. It is on an angle. That means the sheet went into the press incorrectly the first time. Why? Here again this Double Seaway pane of 50 supplied the answer.

On the back of the pane along a few stamps there appears some off-set printing. Offsets are fairly common on a flat bed press. This type of press is not too difficult to understand. In non-technical terms we have a flat surface on which rests the type, in this instance 200 units of the word "CANADA" and the small letters "St. Lawrence Seaway", etc. A roller supplies red ink, a large

cylinder rolls over this surface.
At one end of the flat bed there is a pile of sheets already printed with the blue center section of the Seaway stamps. A conveyor system picks up the sheets one at a time and carries each to the cylinder where mechanical fingers line up the sheet exactly at right angle. The cylinder rolls across the type, the sheet goes with it and out it comes

again at the top, fully printed. Something goes wrong and the conveyor system fails to pick up a sheet so the cylinder rolls over the type causing the print to appear on the cylinder instead of a sheet. This means the next sheet after that would get the print in reverse from the cylinder on its back besides get-

This reverse print on the back, known as an offset, is fairly com-mon and means little even to a stamp collector, but printers like to produce tidy jobs. The press is stopup. Why wasn't the error noticed then? This can be explained easily; the second print was at each transfer or the back of the second print was at each transfer or the back of the back of

At this point, the about-to-be-Double Seaway enters on the scene. It is the very next sheet to go over the cylinder as the press starts up again. Every printer always has trouble at the start of any printing run. This is no exception, the grippers or fingers do not grip the sheet at right angle. The printer sees that it is going over the cylinder at an angle, so he trips a release that lifts the cylinder up and away from the

Normally then the sheet rides around the cylinder and never comes in contact with the type. The print-er picks it up at the top and feeds it again into the press. Every single sheet must be accounted for. If they are spoiled, well and good; they are put on one side to be destroyed under proper supervision and strict accounting. But a sheet that went through without being printed, goes through once more.

When our incorrectly angled sheet started on its way around the cyl-inder, the printer tripped that release all right, but just a shade too late. In a split fraction of a second the receding cylinder still had enough contact with the flat bed to print somewhat faintly, but still legibly the red colored wording of the Seaway stamps—all, of course,

At the top of the cylinder the printer picked up the sheet, took quick look, as usual at the left side, could not see anything wrong and in went the sheet once. again. This time it was printed correctly.

And by then it was the Double Seaway sheet.

As far as is known 50 mint Double Seaways exist. The 150 others must have been used up and collectors will now have to check their used Seaway copies all over again. Look in the blue section as on exactly 130 copies of the 150 still to account for, all the printing will be in the blue part of the Seaway stamp. Please contact the writer when a used copy is located.

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Bahamas - The Postage Stamp Centenary issue was withdrawn De-

Barbados - Sales of the West Indies Federation commemoratives were: 3c - 1,131,239; 6d-642,294; 12c-1,194,475.

Bechuanaland - The 75th Anniversary stamps will be released on January 21.

Bermuda - The 350th Settlement anniverşary issue will be withdrawn on December 31.

Cyprus — The current pictorials will be overprinted by Bradbury Wilkinson in Greek and Turkish with the words "Cyprus Republic". De-nominations are: 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 100, 250, 500 mills and 1 pound.

East African Post and Telecommunications - De La Rue is preparing a new set of definitives for release in 1960.

Falkland Islands - Waterlows are printing a new set of definitives for release early in 1960: 1/2d, Falkland Islands Thrush; 1d, Dominican Gull; Gentoo Penguins; and 21/2d Falkland Islands Marsh Starling. Also, 3d, Upland Geese; 4d, Steamer Ducks; 51/2d, Rock Hopper Penguin; 6d, Blackbrowed Alba-tross; and 9d, Silver Grebe.

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Great Britain - The Post Office has said that stocks of the "K", "N", "F", "M", and "P" coils are being reduced to approximately 12 months' supply. These coils are surplus to requirements owing to changes in postal rates. The same applies to the "N" graphited roll. All are on the St. Edward's Crown watermark paper.

Jamaica - Numbers sold of the West Indies Federation Stamps are: 2d-6,805,032; 5d-686,235; and 6d-1.465,340.

Leeward Islands - Numbers sold of the Q.E. II definitives (withdrawn from sale June 30, 1956) are: 1/2c-675,936; 1c—343,533; 2c—638,704; 3c -174,094; 4c-200,986; 5c-124,435; 6c-199.771: 8c-131,107; 12c-255, 322; 24c—111,491; 48c—48,835; 60c—40,276; \$1.20—36,902; \$2.40—30,594; \$4.80-29,877.

Malaya — The Inauguration of Parliament commemorative was withdrawn December 15.

Malaya (Kedah) - Numbers sold of the definitives withdrawn on June 30 (Portrait of the Old Sultan) are: 1c—531,199; 2c—323,193; 4c—1,495,-075; 5c—432,426; 8c—86,863; 10c— 1,821,998; 20c—424,806; 50c—167,060; \$1—156,968; \$2—41,424; \$5—58,935.

stamps will be withdrawn January 31.

Numbers sold are announced of: Pan-Pacific Scout Jamboree - 8,-991,166; Marlborough Centennial, 2d -7,973,028; 3d-14,456,521; 8d-1,-384,456.

St. Helena - The Tercentenary commemorative will be withdrawn on December 31.

Zanzibar — Numbers sold of the 1952 definitives are: 5c—1,306,759; 10c—3,192,553; 1c—915,971; 20c—1,-015,620: 25c-442,217: 30c-662,547: 35c—141,628; 40c—245,265; 50c—754,-521; 1/- — 426,826; 2/- — 134,362; 5/- - 54,632; 7/50-22,145; 10/- 42,-

bring three stamps for the Second National Spartacist Games (Winter Sports); denominations 30 and 60h. and 1.60Kc.

Denmark - A new definitive set with a revised portrait of King Frederick IX is expected to be released in 1960.

Hungary - November 30 saw the release of the set for the 7th Hungarian Socialist Workers' Party Congress. Designs by T. Papp show: 60f., nude male figure with red flag; 1Ft., inscribed flag. Photogravure printed and issued perf and imperf.

Full details of the 1960 program are: The Hungarian Castles definitives comprise 10 values totaling 22.98Ft: 8, 20, 30, 60, 70f., 1.40, 1.70, 3. 5. 10Ft. The Halas Laces set comprises values of 20, 30, 40, 60f., 1, 1.50, 2 and 3Ft., total 9Ft.

Three values of 30f., 60f. and 1Ft. will mark the 15th Liberation anniversary. The Olympic Games set will comprise values of 20, 30, 40, 60, 80f., 1, 1.20, and 2Ft., plus a 3Ft. miniature sheet. A 3Ft. will be released for the FIP Congress in Warsaw.

A 2Ft.+2Ft. stamp is due for Stamp Day, whilst the Hungarian series will comprise Paintings stamps of 10, 20, 30, 40, 60f., 1, 2 and 3Ft. The last set for 1960 will be the second Hungarian Fairytales issue in values of 10, 20, 30, 40, 60f., 1. 2 and 3Ft.

Peland - Two stamps for "1000 Schools, in Poland's 1000th Year' were released November 14: 40gr. girl and exercise book; 60gr., three children and school buildings

Rumania - Released on October 25 was a 1.75L. purple item showing the Soviet atomic icebreaker nin". Photogravure printed from a design by A. Tesgian. A 1.60L, stamp and label for Stamp Day were released November 15. The label shows an engraver's ornament. value 40 bani (surcharge for the Rumanian Philatelic Federation).

Issued at the beginning of December was a brown 55b. stamp show ing the building of the A. I. Cuza University in Jassy. Three more early in December noted the con quest of space: 1.55L., dog and rab oit and ballistic geophysical rocket; 1.65L., photograph of the invisible part of the moon; 1.75L., trajectory of the Moon Rocket. All three are airmails.

The last issue for 1959 is a sixvalue engraved set showing Ruman ian protected animals: 20b., moun tain fish; 55b., tortoise; 1.20L., white duck; 1.30L., eagle; 1.75L., wild cock, 2L., bearded eagle. The last three values are airmails.

Two overprints were also released during November. The 1L. for the Third Youth Spartakiad was furnished with a silver coat of arms for the Balkan Games 1959, and the Moon Rocket stamp was overprinted in red for the landing on September 14. It was also revalued 5L.

Turkey - Released on December were three commems for the centenary of the Faculty of Political Sciences in Ankara: 40 kurus, green and dark brown; 40k., brown and blue, view of the building of the faculty; and 1L., violet and pale yellow, emblem of the faculty. (500,-000).

Argentina - Five stamps showing various birds are in preparation: 80c+40c, long-tailed swallow; 1P. + 50c, woodpecker; 2P. + 1P., partridge; 2.40P.+1.20P., emu; 40c+20c, condor. These are printed in full color letterpress.

Belgian Congo — Three stamps— 50c, 1 and 2Fr.—showing a Madonna were released on December 1.

Iran - December 21 brought a commemorative for the marriage of the Shah to Miss Farah Diba.

It is regretted that the name of the President of Pakistan on the Visit issue reported in our last number was given as General Iskander New Zealand — The 1959 Health stamps will be withdrawn January Ayub Khan.

Jordan - Three adhesives are due this year, or early in 1960, for the visit of the Shah of Iran to Jordan, which took place from November 2-6. The design shows the Shah and King Hussein, with national flags.

Lebanon - For Independence Commemoration 1943-1959 40 and 60 piaster values were released, lithographed locally. Both are in the same design, showing Lebanese soldiers marching with the national flag.

Nepal - For the opening of the National Diet, 4 and 8p. and 1R. values in the same design but progressively larger format showing a pil-

Czechoslovakia - January will lar with three carved heads have been released, locally letterpress printed.

Ruanda Urundi - Seven Belgian Congo postage due stamps have been released with local overprints in letterpress "Ruanda Urundi"; values are: 10c brown, 20c lake 50c green, 1Fr. blue, 2Fr. red, 4Fr. violet, 6Fr. royal blue.

UAR (Egypt) — A number of imperforates have been found of recent issues: 7th Revolution Anniversary set (except the low value), Immigration Congress and New Airmails (three values).

UAR Syria - A 71/2p. violet has been issued in the "Arabesque" sign. Released with overprint UAR in Arabic and English is the 15p. black of 1957, showing a colonnaded building.

Uruguay - A 5 Peso black and dark pink has been added to the Winged Statue airmail series.

Viet-Nam (South)-January 3 will see four stamps for the first anniversary of the Promulgation of the Family Code: 0.20, 0.30, 2 and 6 Dongs.

Australia - The Antarctic definitives were released on December 16. Western Samoa - It is expected that new stamps will follow the October 1 granting of internal self-government. Cuba - The Presidential series,

recess printed by Fernandez in Havana, comprises: 2c violet, Pres. Calvar; 2c green, Pres. Tancourt; 2c gray, Pres. C. M. Cespedes; 2c brown, Pres. Maso; 4c black brown, Pres. F. J. Cespedes; 4c carmine Pres. Spotorno; 4c violet, Pres. Garcia; and 4c purple brown, Pres. Palma. In the background of each is an outline of the Cuban flag.

Guatemala - The Rivera stamp of 1945 has been reissued with new value of 4c, blue, and dates inscribed "1660 - 1951"

Ceylon - The 10c for the first anniversary of the Pirivena Universities will be released December 31 (locally), and in London on January 18. The design shows the founders,

the Ven. Hikkaduwe Sri Sumangala Nayaka Thero, and the Ven. Ratmalane Sri Dharamloka Nayake Thero, inset above views of the Vidyodaya Pirivena, and Vidya Lankara Pirivena Universities.

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Lately I have noted several collec-Liberty. This will eliminate more towns for the very simple reason that now only non-profit organizations can mail for 1c. So unless other mailers happen to use 1c values they never will be released from some towns. Think it over well and make a decision not to limit your fun.

THE OLD BULLETIN BOARD

The "Dixie Precancel News" was mailed with a 1c and 2c Liberty from Fitzgerald, Ga. (U-121 wide). An interesting insight to the founding of the place is found in the News. The town was established in 1895 by P. H. Fitzgerald of Indianapolis, as a haven for aging Union Veterans.

Nevertheless, the colony as it was called was a success and the city now has a population of around 10,-000. One of its intriguing features is that half of the streets running north and south are named after generals of the Confederate army and the other half after generals of the Union Army.

Write Benjamin T. Wakins, Jr. 1045 Hendley St., Macon, Ga. if in-terested in Dixie precanels. I met him while in Clearwater this fall and I assure you he is a true gentleman.

From out Nebraska way where all our snow comes from comes also the "Nebraska News" with a 1c and 2c Liberty from Coleridge. (U-121 wide). The News lists the counts of these mid-west states as Iowa 790 Towns, 1283 Types; Nebraska—413
Towns, 643 Types; North Dakota—
291 Towns, 408 Types; and South
Dakota—283 Towns, 351 Types. Write Keith Spencer, Box 645, North Platte, Nebr. if interested in Nebraska or the central mid-west.

A little farther south is the Southern Oklahoma Precancel Club. Its bulletin is called the "Pow Wow"; was mailed with a ½c and 2½c Liberty from Tecumseh, Okla. (U-126 type).

Also from out in that territory comes the bulletin from the South-east Kansas Philatelic Club, not exactly a precancel club but it sure leans that way. Its bulletin bore a 1c Liberty and a ½c and 1½c Prexies from Peabody, Kans. (U-120 type). Working back east, we received

the "Printed Dated Precancel News" from Rockford, Ill. It was mailed with a 1c and 2c Liberty from South Royalston, Mass. (U-134 type and dated PDPN-11-59).
The Western Pennsylvania bulle-

tin came in with a 1c and 2c Liberty from Export, Pa. (U-122n type). This was a special mailing for the Pennsylvania club-an extra which I am sure the members all appreci-

Back to the east coast—the New England Club bulletin "The Precancel Yankee" was mailed with a 1c and 2c Liberty from Derby Line, Vt. (U-131 type).

There you have it—and once more it's time to wich all a sincer ties.

it's time to wish all a sincere "Sea-son's Greetings". The best to you and yours for the coming year.

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Just for the record, Joshua K. Bolles, 1200 Chandbourne, El Paso, Texas who has been offering a special "set of the month" contest requests that collectors who ordered from his December 7 ad correct tors who are going to stick to the 1c their records by removing the "1" Liberty. This will eliminate more from his first name there. "Joshua" is the proper version, as listed in his December 21 ad concerning the current contest.

> Richard Dresel, P. O. Box 128, West Englewood, N. J. has reported that he is now sufficiently recovered from the painful back injury suffered last year to resume business activities. He is accordingly resuming his special sales, the first of which can be found set forth in this issue of Linn's. He contemplates offering one such sale per month in the fu-

Free for the asking-a letter or even a postal card will suffice-is the 1960 price list of the Subway Stamp Shop, 87 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Listed are many attractive sets of the world, plus U. S. in singles mint and used and other specialties including plate blocks. Also offered is a fine selection of packets of various grade and price

"Start the New Year right" would seem to be the motto of Stamp Col-lectors Guild, Box 1, Staten Is-land 14, N. Y. A member of the firm advises that it is preparing some new and unusual offers for Linn's January 4 edition. He added that some of the \$10 specials are still available from the firm's November 23 ad; collectors may write for lists of them.

Claude Held, 1152 Kensington Ave., Buffalo, 15, N. Y. reports that he is faced with the twin problems of caring for his many customers on the one hand, and obtaining replacement stock on the other. He offers his 1960 price list of Germany free on request, and also wants to buy better lots of foreign stamps and old U. S. and Canadian coins.

W. C. McClammy who also operates the Tar Heel Philatelic Exchange, Box 1595, Wilmington, N. C. wants to remind his old customers that he is the same merchant who was formerly located in Lebanon, Tenn. with a huge stock of Cuban issues. He still has a fine stock of them and has added Canada, postwar West Germany and custom made packets to his stock. Inquiries are invited.

Collectors in general, and especially those interested in the issues of the Canal Zone, are referred to the Irving Gordon two-page auction listing in the December 14 Linn's. There, on page 18 the "Canal Zone" heading was accidentally left out be-tween lots 327 and 327A, in the fifth column. Correctly, all the lots from 327A to 333, inclusive, should be "Canal Zone".

John Trzcinski who operates the Deluxe Travel Bureau, 55 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. left that city December 17 via Sabena Airlines for a visit to Warsaw. There he will complete preparations for his September conducted tour to the "POL-SKA '60" international philatelic exhibition. During his absence all correspondence will be properly cared for by the travel bureau.

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PONY EXPRESS (Continued from page 8)

Sacramento. The situation regarding that short 50-mile stretch was practically identical with that on the Eastern Division.

The Pioneer Stage Line was already successfully operating a line of daily stagecoaches between Virginia City and Sacramento. Arrangements were therefore made with that company whereby it assumed responsibility for the mail, express packages, and passengers from Placerville onward. (LeRoy R. Hafen, "The Overland Mail", Cincinnati, 1926, 211-12; Conkling, op. cit., II,

338). Under the provisions of the bill passed by Congress, the Pony Ex-press line also ended at Placerville. The arrangement with the Pioneer Stage Line and the fact that the telegraph line now extended eastward to Fort Churchill made it unnecessary, so far as the Overland Mail Co. was concerned, for the Express

to go farther.

In view of the oft-repeated statement that the Pony Express never had official government recognition or sanction, it is significant that the bill not only expressly stipulated that the Express should be operated, but also fixed the fee to be charged. After July 1, 1861, and as long as it operated, it was a government au-

thorized service running on a sched-ule included in the law. It has been claimed that Wells Fargo Express Co. made the reductions in Pony Express rates in 1861-from \$5 to \$2 an ounce in April and to \$1 on July 1. Wells Fargo had nothing whatever to do with these changes, although on April 15 William H. Russell appointed it temporary agent for the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Ex-

press Co. in San Francisco.
Since the contract with Dinsmore was already signed, this appointment would expire on July 1. With these simple and relatively unimportant facts as a basis, the exaggerated claim has been made that Wells Fargo Express Co. rendered a great public service by reducing Pony Ex-press rates. (See "Scott's Catalogue of United Sta'es Stamps", 1953, p. 441; advertisement in "San Francis-co Daily Bulletin", April 15, 1861).

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The above announcement appeared in the "Desert News". April 24, 1861. The oft-repeated claim that Wells Fargo reduced the rates cannot be substantiated. Local agents along the route made the announcements at the made the announcements at the personal direction of William H. Russell. William R. Parker, philatelist, of Oroville, Calif. has a personal letter written by Mr. Russell to the agent of the Express at Ft. Bridger, Wyo. advising him of the reduction from \$5 to \$2.

The plain truth is that Wells Fargo Express Co. was merely acting temporarily as agent for the Central Overland California & Pike's Peak Express Co. during the interim between the passage of the bill provid-ing for the removal of the Overland Mail Co. to the Central Route and the first of July, a period of a few -

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Philately for the Young - On Deasked to write essays on the connection between philately and education. Also, special exhibitions are being arranged, specifically for the young, showing how stamps contribute to learning.

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Michelangelo Set Coming - More excitement is the announcement go on sale on January 12. It will erously denied.

that the present "Coin" set will be replaced by a series showing great works by Michelangelo. It is not certain whether the new set will go on sale this month, or in January.

It will be the fourth set of designs used on definitive stamps since 1945 (the fifth, if one counts the St. George high values). Incidentally, a close watch should be kept on the St. George stamps and the recently issued, small size 100L. and 200L. stamps. All of them may turn out to have an exceedingly short life.

Several long commemorative sets cember 20 a 25 Lire item was to mark the first National Stamp Day. Throughout Italy, students are being for the Olympics (to be added to the "pre-Olympics" set of the past sum-mer) and another for the Centenary of the Unity of Italy (which this col-

Single stamps are under consideration in honor of Alessandro and G. B. Pergolesi. There is certain to be a stamp to the control of the contro will be rewarded with stamps, al-bums and philatelic supplies. The Refugee Day, particularly since the come independent sometime in 1960, UPU has asked all of its member countries for such an issue.

Double Perf Error On Three Ryukyuan Sheets

"They must have inadvertently slipped me a pre-Christmas pres-ent," wrote Fred W. Borcher of Berkely, Calif. about an order of mint stamps he received recently from the Ryukyus Islands Philatelic Agency.

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										*	Denotes	plate	blocks	of 6.	all others	are	plate b	locks o	1 4		_								
*373	\$270.00	786	1.60	812	4.25	832	60.00	926	3.10	945	1.65	967	2.20	987	1.60	1006	1.80	1030	.90	1066	6.50	1084	1.60	1107	1.80	1127	2.00	C36	12.50
*610	16.00	789	8.00	813	4.50	852	4.00	927	2.25	946	1.65	968	3.10	988	1.60	1007	1.60	1031	1.00	1065	1.60	1085	1.80	1108	1.95	1128	2.00	C3B	13.50
*634	2 25	790	1.10	814	4.50	857	2.90	928	2.50	947	1.65	969	2.00	989	1.60	1008	1.60	1033	1.20	1066	6.50	1086	1.60	1109	1.95	1129	6.50	C39	2.70
684	2.25	791	1.45		4.50	858	3.00	929	1.65	949	1.65	970	2.00	990		1009		1034	3.25	1067	1.60	1087	1.60	1110	2.10	1130	2.00	C40	2.75 7.50
728	4.00	795	2.20	816	8.00	861	4.00	930	75	950	1.65	971	2.85	991	1.60	1010	1.60	1035	1.60	1068	1.60	1088	1.60	1111	7.00	1131	2.00	C42	
732	3.25	798	2.20	817	8.25	871	5.40	931	1.85	951	1.65	972	2.25	992	1.60	1011	1.60	1036	2.35	1069	1.60	1089	1.60	1112	2.00	1132	2.00	C43	8.00
737	2.25	799	3.00	818	8.50	890	3.15	932	1.70	952	1.65	973	4.85	993	1.60	1012	1.60	1037	5.00	1070	1.60	1090	1.60	1113	1.30	1133	2.00	C44	16.50
*740	1.80	800	3.00	819	9.00	895	13.50	933	2.50	953	1.85	974	1.90	994	1.60	1013	1.60	1038	2.50	1071	1.60	1091	1.60	1114	2.00	1134	2.00	C45	3.50
*741	2.50	801	2.50	820	7.50	899	1.60	934	1.65	954	1.65	975	3.60	995	2.00	1014	1.60	1039	3.50	1072	2.25	1092	1.60	1115	2.00	1135	2.00	C46	37.00
*742	5.75	802	2.90	821	14.00	900	2.25	935	1.65	955	1.65	976	3.50	996	1.60	1015	1.60	1040	3.75	1073	1.60	1093	1.60	1116	2.00	1136	2.00	C47	3.60
772	2.70	803	1.15	822	15.00	901	4.60	936	1.65	956	1.65	977	2.00	997	1.60	1016	1.60	1044	5.00	1074	1.60	1094	4.50	1117	2.00	1137	6.50	C49	5.00
773	3.00	804	.65	823	16.00	902	12.00	937	1.80	957	1.65	978	2.35	998	1.60	1017	1.60	1047	8.50	1076	1.60	1095	3.20	1118	7.00	C25	2.80	C51	4.50
774	4.00	805	1.10	824	18.00	904	4.50	938	1.65	958	2.90	979	2.00	999	1.60	1019	1.60	1048	12.50	1077	1.60	1096	6.75	1119	2.00	C26 C27	7.00	Ca3	5.00
775	3.00	806	1 30	825	9.50	905	1.75	939	1.65	959	1.65	981	1.65	1000		1020	1.60	1049	14.50	1078	1.60	1097	1.60	1120	2.00			C54	5.00
776	2.20	807	1.40	826	18.00	907	1.80	940	1.85	960	2.15	982	1.60	100		1021	3.75	1050	18.00	1079	1.60	1098	1.60	1121	2.00	C28	13.00	C55	5.00
777	2.90	808	3.10	828	20.00	910	4.25	941	1.65	961	1.85	983	1.60	1003	1.60	1022	1.60	1051	22.50	1080	1.60	1099	1.60	1122	2.00	C29	14.00	E15	6.50
782	2.40	809	7.00	829	13.50	923	3.20	942	1.65	962	1.85	984	1.60	100	1.60	1024	1.60	1061	1.60	1081	1.60	1100	1.60	1123	2.00	C30	20.50	E18	12.00
783	2.20	810	2.75	830	15.00	924	3.00	943	1.65	963	1.85	985	1 60	1004	1.60	1025	1.60	1064	1.60	1082	1.60	1104	1.60	1124	2.00	C32	2.80	E17	7.00
784	1.85	811	3.00	831	27.00	925	6.50	944	1.65	964	3.50	986	1.60	1008	1.60	1028	1.60	1065	1.60	1083	1.60	1106	1.80	1125	2.00	C33	2.40	E19	11.00

MINT PLATE BLOCKS PER 100, (Fine or better and mostly better.)

										*	Denotes	plate	blocks	of 6.	all oth	ers ar	e plate b	locks of	4		•								
•610	150.00	799	27.00	813	37.50	901	43.00	934	15.00	946	15.00	957	15.00	985	15.0	00 998	15.00	1031	7.50	1074	15.00	1091	15.00	1112	19.00	1124	19.00	1135	19.00
773	27.00	800	27.00		40.00	905	16.00	936	15.00		15.00		15.00	987	15.0	00 999	15.00	1033	10.00		15.00		15.00	1114	19.00	1125	19.00	1136	19.00
774	37.00	801	23.00	815	42.00	907	16.50	938	15.00		15.00		17.00							1081	15.00	1093			19.00	1126	65.00	1137	65.00
775	28.00	802	26.00	817	75.00		21.00	939	15.00		15.00		17.00				1 16.50	1036	18.00		15.00	1097	15.00	1116	19.00	1128		C25	22.50
776	20.00	804	6.00		65.00		22.50		17.00		15.00		17.00	990	15.6	00 100	2 15.00	1039	30.00		15.00	1098	15.00	1117	19.00	1129	€5.00	C26	41.00
782	22.00	805	10.00	825	87.50		7.00		15.00		17.50	979	18.00			100	3 15.00	1067	15.00	1087	15.00	1099	15.00	1119	19.00	1130	19.00	C32	22.50
783	20.00	808	11.50		110.00		17.00		15.00		15.00		15.00					1070	15.00	1088	15.00	1100		1120			19.00	C39	26.00
784	17 00	807	13.00	852	35.00	932	16.00	944	15.00		15.00		15.00		15.0	100	8 15.00	1071	15.00	1089	15.00	1104	15.00	1121	19.00	1132	19.00	C40	26.00
796	20.00	811	27.50	899	14.00	933	22.50	945	15.00	956	15.00	984	15.00	997	15.6	00 10	6 15.00	1073	15.00	1090	15.00	1109	17.00	1122	19.00	1133	19.00	C47	33.00
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Many of the plates can be furnished in matched sets, particularly the later issues. If you desire, and we have them, they will be furnished at no extra cost, but we are not interested in receiving your want list for various numbers and positions as we are not set up to handle this type of request, particularly at our low prices. None of our stock has been checked as to good, bad or indifferent numbers, this again is out of our line and we have neither the time nor desire to get into this specialized field. So perhaps when buying in quantities, you will find good plate numbers.

MINT SHEETS PER 1, Agency material, so you may expect very fine to superb.

949 960 961 962	1.75 954 1.75 955 1.75 958 1.75 957	1 75 959 1 75 960 1 75 961 1 75 962	1.75 967 2.00 2.50 968 2.00 1.75 969 2.00 9.00 970 2.00	974 2.00 982 977 2.00 983	1.75 986 1.75 987 1.75 988 1.76 989	2.50 991 1.75 992 2.50 993 1.75 994 995	2 00 997 1.75 998 1.75 999 1.75 1000 2 50 1001	1.75 1004 1.75 1005 1.75 1017 1.75 1021 1.75 1025	1.75 1070 1.75 1071 1.75 1072 3.50 1073 1.75 1076	1.75 1081 1.75 1082 2.50 1085 1.75 1086 1.75 1087	1.75 1091 1.75 1093 1.75 1094 1.75 1098 1.75 1099	1.75 1104 1.75 C20 3.00 C25 1.75 C26 1.75 C32		3.25 8.75 14.00 44.00 8.75	
	MINT SHEETS PER 10														
732 740 741 772 773	45.00 775 8.50 782 13.00 783 17.50 784 17.50 785	17.50 786 17.50 788 17.50 790 33.00 791 6.75	27.00 (Korpa) 6.75 67.50	928 26 50 933 929 16.50 934 930 6.75 935 931 11.75 936 932 16.50 937	26.50 938 16.50 939 16.50 940 16.50 941 32.50 942	16 50 943 16 50 944 32 50 945 16 50 946	16.50 947 16.50 949 23.50 950 16.50 951	16.50 952 16.50 953 16.50 956 956	16.50 957 23.50 958 16.50 960 16.50 961	16.50 962 27.50 967 23.50 969 16.50 970	17.50 971 17.00 974 17.00 979 17.90 982	17.00 983 17.00 984 17.00 987 16.50 991		16.50 32.50 52.50 82.50	

MINT U.S. PER 1 (Average Quality)

This is not throw out material, but it does have slight defects, such as perf initials, thins or slight tears that have been repaired, but in all cases, the stamp has a nice appearance and will not distract from the beauty of your collection. If you are not particularly fussy, we would, by all means, recommend this. We have already sold thousands of dollars worth of this type and without complaint. Naturally our same guarantee, satisfaction or return within 3 days for full refund.

14 24 63 67 68 71	19.00 1.50 2.00 49.00 4.50 7.00	73 76 78 87 89 91	2.50 4.00 4.50 4.00 11.00 32.00	112 113 115 152 162 166	4.00 3.00 8.00 7.00 9.00 12.00	187 188 205 208 211 217	7.00 4.00 1.75 4.00 1.75 4.00	222 224 225 226 228	1.50 1.00 1.00 3.00 4.00	232 233 234 235 236	1.00 1.25 1.50 1.75 1.00	237 238 239 240 241	2.00 3.00 4.50 7.00 15.00	242 268 271 272 274	20.00 .60 1.00 .65 3.25	275 276 280 284 287	5.50 12.00 .60 2.25 2.50	289 290 291 292 296	3,00 4,00 12,50 29,00 2,25	297 298 309 312 326	2.25 2.50 2.75 22.00 3.00	327 339 335 336 337	6.50 2.75 1.00 1.25	340 368 373 401 507	1.25 1.75 2.00 .75 .60	514 523 541 621 C2	1.00 21.00 1.50 2.00 4.00	C3 C4 C6 E1 E2 E3	2.50 .75 3.75 3.00 3.00 3.75
									U	SED	U. S	. P	ER 1	(Sc	me	desc	riptio	on (as ab	ove	.)								
9X1	20.00	36	2.50	75	4.00	95	7.50	118	8.50	153	2.25	191	5.00	235	1.05	260	2 25 1	200	1 00 1	205	0.00 1	400	ec l	400	40.1	504	1001	00	1 25
2	25.00	37	7.00	76	1.25 2.00 1.75 1.50 2.25 2.25	96 97 98 101 112	1.75	118 119 120 122 133 135 137	3.00	154	3.00	208	1.25	238	1.25 2.00 3.00 4.00 15.00 15.00	260 261A 263 275 276 276A	13.00	290 292	1.00 25.00 29.00	325 326	2.00 1.00 2.00 1.35 1.25 .60 3.25 1.00	400 A	.75 .65	432 439 440 464 469 473 476 478 523	.45 .60 .60 .35 .75 .65 .60	524 547 550 572 573 611 616 619	1.50	Cf E1 E7 Q7 Q8 Q9 Q10 Q11 Q12	1.35 1.25 1.25 .55 .60 .30 2.50 1.00
7	3.00	38	10.00	77	2.00	97	1.75 2.00 1.75	120	8.50	155	4.50	214	1.00	238 239 240	3 00	263	35.00 75 2.25 4.00 14.00 1.00	203	29 00	327	2.00		75	440	80	550	1.50	ET	1 25
9	2.50	63	.60	78	1.75	98	1.75	122	25.00	160	2.25	217	2.50	240	4 00	275	75	293 296 297	.80	330	1 25	403 404 415 419 420 421 422	9.50	464	.00	579	1.50 .50 .60 .40 1.50 1.00 1.25	07	55
14	5.00	67	8.00	87	1.50	101	20 00	133	4.50	162	1.25	218	4.50	241	15 00	276	2.25	297	1.00	330	1 25	415	60	460	36	572	60	Q8	60
17	5.00	88	.65	89	2.25	112	2.50	135	1.00	163	1.25	224	.60	242	15.00	276A	4.00	298	2 00	341	60	410	60	472	76	611	40	Qq.	30
20	4.50	69	1.50	90	2.25	113	.75	137	7.50	165	1.50	227	.65	243	28 00	277	14.00	298 299 310	1.00 2.00 1.50	341	2 25	490	2.50 .60 .60 .60	470	-05	010	1.50	010	9.50
24	1.00	70	2.50 1.75 6.00	91	4.00	115	1.75	149	1.50	166	4.50	228	.85	244	28.00 32.00	287	1.00	310	.90	371	1 00	491	60	478	60	610	1 00	QII	1.00
29	6.00	71	1.75	92	2.50	116	1.75	151	1.50	189	.80	229	3.50	245	39.00	288	1.00	311	1.50	373	1 25	422	60	592	9 00	CII	1 95	012	99
32	6.00 3.00 1.50	72	6.00	9.3	1.00	117	1.75	152	1.50	190	.90	232	.80	259	1.50	289	1.75	313	24.00	399	.65	423	2.50	1857.9	W.00	***	A.00	ME NA	.00
36	1.50	73	.75				- 1		-			40.00	-	- ALAS					24.00		.00	40.4	8.00		1		1	-	
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